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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Grant Programs to Support Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agencies, and Local Communities

The Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit received funding to support programming related to substance use and violence prevention, access to behavioral health services, improved school climate, and improved support for early childhood from the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The funding allows the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to work with SAMHSA, three local education agencies and their communities, and with the Departments of Community Health and Human Services to fund projects focused on decreasing barriers to learning, building a safe and supportive school environment, and supporting student health and academic achievement. These projects require a coordinated approach, driven by state-level leadership and facilitated through community partnerships.

Grants established using these funds will allow full participation of school and agency partners and the necessary support to carry out all objectives under MDE's cooperative agreement with SAMHSA.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Grant Programs to Support Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agencies, and Local Communities, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 28, 2014.

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Criteria for Grant Programs to Support Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agencies, and Local Communities

The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted as its mission, "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

SBE MISSION, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

Grants distributed under the Cooperative Agreement from the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agencies, and Local Communities (SS/HS) support the SBE's mission by building the capacity of Michigan school districts to develop and implement sustainable program activities that reduce substance abuse among students, increase access to behavioral health services, increase support for early childhood development, improve school climate, and reduce student exposure to violence. Program activities are expected to reduce chronic absenteeism and dropouts while improving school connectedness and academic achievement.

Grants will also support the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE's) Priority 1 focus on closing achievement gaps by implementing capacity-building strategies to reduce disparities in both health outcomes and academic achievement, and providing additional support for populations disproportionately affected.

Grants distributed under these programs also support the following SBE policies:

Integrating Mental Health in Schools Policy – 2/2010

Policies on Bullying – 11/2010

Model Anti-Bullying Policy – 11/2010

Comprehensive School Health Education – 6/2004

Coordinated School Health Programs to Support Academic Achievement – 9/2003

Statewide Safe School Choice Policy – 4/2003

Safe Schools – 5/2000

Creating Effective Learning Environments – 12/2000

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- ☒ New ☐ Continuing
☒ Competitive ☐ Formula ☐ Legislatively Designated

The Michigan Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit was among one of seven states to be awarded the competitive Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Program (SS/HS) grant from SAMHSA. The program received \$8,677,014 for four years to create safe and supportive schools and communities by building partnerships among educational, behavioral health, and criminal/juvenile justice systems at both state and local levels. The Michigan Departments of Education, Community Health, and Human Services will partner to convene the Michigan SS/HS State Management Team with stakeholders from state and local levels. The Michigan SS/HS program focuses on aligning policies, practices, programs, and partnerships at the state and local levels to empower local districts to improve their ability and capacity in meeting the mental health, substance use and violence prevention, and early childhood needs of all students.

The project includes programs at three Michigan local education agencies (LEAs) that will serve as pilot sites. The selected districts and their respective communities are areas with significant need, but they also possess capacity through existing structures and current state-funded projects, as well as a strong commitment to the project. The three LEAs, the Educational Achievement Authority of Michigan, Saginaw Public Schools, and Houghton Lake Community Schools, represent unique structures and community composition.

A number of grants will be distributed by the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit to support this four-year cooperative agreement.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: n/a

Source of Criteria:

- ☐ A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation ☒ C. Proposed by Staff
☐ B. State Law or Rules ☐ D. Defined in MDE's Approved Grant Application to the Funder

The main criteria upon which a sub-grantee organization will be selected are the following:

- Must be a non-governmental organization, state/local health department, school or district entity, and/or institutes of higher education.
- Must assign staff and/or consultants to support grant-related efforts.
- Has the appropriate knowledge, expertise, and/or skills.

- Is able to reach at-risk student populations directly or through relevant parent populations or primary health care systems.
- Provides programming that supports one or more of the above listed SBE policies.
- Is able to complete the project in the required timeline.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

Initial grants will be awarded to organizations designated in MDE's application to SAMHSA. Additional awards may be made as needed that support program objectives to eligible applicants that are non-governmental organizations, state/local health departments, school or district entities, or institutes of higher education.

Target populations are the students within the three designated communities.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The amount of available SAMHSA funding for grant awards varies each year and is estimated to range from \$1,832,000 - \$2,000,000 per year for four years.

STATUTE

SS/HS State Program cooperative agreements are authorized under the Children's Health Act of 2000, Section 520 A-J, 581, 582, Public Law 106-310; Public Health Service Act, Title V, Section 509; 516, 42 U.S.C 290bb.

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